



# INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: May 15, 2014

### MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

Charlie Geier

Becky Minglin

Tammy Veselsky

Alonzo Weems

### ADVISORY MEMBERS

John Burnett

Connie Sherman

#### Attendees:

Connie Sherman, Ena Shelley, Jan Katz, Andrea Wilkes, Carrie Bale, Danny Kelley, Sharon Molargik, Rosa Hiestand

#### Key Topics Discussed:

1. Defining "kindergarten readiness" is urgent for June 30<sup>th</sup> Report
2. Need to included *health* in kindergarten readiness
3. Kindergarten readiness by other states (definitions, standards, domains, assessment tools)
4. 7 domains of "readiness" defined by Race to the Top grant
5. Michael Conn-Powers work on First Steps, ISTAR-KR and EEMG evaluation.

#### Key Questions Raised:

1. Is there a goal to have statewide information on kindergarten readiness?
2. Who else needs to be at the table? A representative from First Steps? Private pre-K representative? Someone with literacy background? A Kindergarten teacher? An educator from Rooney Foundation?
3. What other organizations should be involved?
4. What do children ages 5-8 need that could be delivered earlier in life?
5. Has ISTAR-KR been evaluated and validated?

#### Action Steps:

1. Review the early learning goals of Foundations and work done by Kindergarten Entry Level Consortium
2. Research other States (States already assigned to workgroup members)
3. Draft 3 sentences about Kindergarten readiness by June meeting
4. Read Kentucky Report, ask Ena for other reports

#### Next Meeting

Date: June 19, 2014 Time: 9:00-11:30 am

Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN